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Do You Remember?...

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Do you remember when the Yacht Club was on stilts at the foot of Freeman Place?

Do you remember when Cushing's Florist was Cushing's Livery Stable? It was run by Gordon Cushing's grandfather and later, by his father, Levi, and his uncles, Earl and Paul.

Do you remember when the Milepost was Ma Pierce's? Her chowder and apple pie were famous and coffee was 5¢ a cup.

Do you remember when Christmas Tree Farm was the Reynolds farm? And do you remember when the North Hill Country Club was the Merry farm?

Do you remember when the golf course was J. Knowles Parker's farm and cows grazed on the greens? Sometimes they were hit by golf balls.

Do you remember when Walter Prince sold fruit and vegetables from a wagon to help pay his Dartmouth College tuition?

Do you remember that the house at the corner of Washington and Water Sts, where the Robert Hunts now live, was the home of the Duxbury Handicrafts, a women's exchange? Earlier, it was the shop of Joshua Cushing, Duxbury's only realtor.

Do you remember when there were movies at Mattakeeset Hall and church services were held there in the summer for Catholics?

Do you remember when cars were allowed to park on the bridge?

Do you remember when Sweetser's and W.O. Peterson's had grocery wagons and made deliveries twice daily?

Do you remember when the Duxbury Exchange and Antique Shop was Paul Peterson's drugstore, the gathering place for ice-cream sodas priced 10¢?

Do you remember when there was no town water and nearly every house had its windmill and hand pump?

Do you remember when there were no street lights and you carried a lantern if you went out at night?

Do you remember when railroad trains rushed in and out of the Duxbury and South Duxbury stations several times a day?

If you can remember all these things, you were in Duxbury long before it became a suburb of Boston.